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MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Defense Intelligence Committee

FROM : Acting Executive Secretary, EDIC

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Report on "Strategic Uses of Boron Compounds for Rocket and Missile Propellants"

- REFERENCES :
- (A) "Indications of Soviet Bloc Vulnerability to Controls of West-East Movement of Boron Compounds," EDIC/ID-15 (24 November 1953), Control No. 446329, Confidential.
  - (B) "Implementation of PD 810 with Respect to Borax, US MESL Item 3715, Code Q(P)-4A," JOE Document No. 118 (23 May 1955), Secret.
  - (C) "Soviet Bloc Use of Borax Products (Boric Acid and Borates - I/L 3715) for Rocket Fuel and Other Jet Plane Application," EDIC Case No. 8 (3 June 1955), Control No. 2162, Secret.
  - (D) EDIC, Minutes of 10th Meeting, EDIC/M-10 (3 June 1955), Control No. 2164, p. 4, Confidential.

1. Attached for concurrence and comment is a draft report prepared by CIA in response to BFC request (Reference C). Comments are requested by the close of business, 3 August 1955.


2. The title of EDIC Case No. 8 has been changed in order to conform to the title of this draft report and to describe the subject more accurately.

3. The attached paper compares the status of development of boron propellants in the free world and the Sino-Soviet Bloc, and estimates unmined deposits in the Bloc. It does not recapitulate the trade or production statistics contained in References A and B. Table I represents a revision of the resource statistics of Reference A.

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Review of this document by CIA has determined that  
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☐ It contains information of CIA interest that must remain classified at TS S O  
Authority: HR 70-2  
☐ It contains nothing of CIA interest  
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4. Advance copies of this paper have been sent to the requestor for preliminary consideration in JOC. If JOC should subsequently propose that any portions of the paper should be used in negotiations with foreign governments, approval for such use will be requested in accordance with established procedures.

  
Acting Executive Secretary, EDIC 25X1A9a

Attachment  
"Strategic Uses of Boron Compounds for Rocket and Missile Propellants"

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